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1. IN THE COURSE OF SEVENTH FLEET COMMANDER ADMIRAL FOLEY'S CALL ON PRESIDENT CHIANG (SEPTEMBER 1, 1978), ADMIRAL AND I RAISED THE INDOCHINA REFUGEE QUESTION, AND PRESIDENT REFERRED TO NUMBERS THAT GROC HAS TAKEN IN AND IS ACCOMMODATING IN PESCADORES (CURRENTLY ABOUT 800). ADMIRAL FOLEY AND I BOTH EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT IF ANYTHING REFUGEE NUMBERS ARE LIKELY TO BE INCREASING; TO MEET THIS GROWING PROBLEM WE HOPED THAT ROC ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA WOULD DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO RECEIVE REFUGEES WHO OTHERWISE MAY BE ABANDONED AT SEA.

2. ADMIRAL SOONG IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED TO ME THAT ADMIRAL WEISNER HAD ALSO UNDERLINED THIS PROBLEM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDING DIFFICULTIES IT POSED FOR U.S. NAVY, AND ASKED GROC TO HELP OUT. UNGER

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